

II. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing (5)~~ A housing for an airbag device ~~(4) on module for a motor vehicle of the type including a gas generator and an airbag, the airbag being deployable for providing impact protection for vehicle occupants, comprising the housing forming, with a hollow space for accommodation of a container (8) of a~~ the gas generator (9) and of an ~~the~~ airbag (12), whereby the housing (5) exhibits further having a main housing a basic structure (27) and a housing cover (6) connected with this the main housing which faces the vehicle occupants when installed, ~~on whose~~ the main housing inner side forming at least one side edge material weakness (16, 17) is formed, defining an edge of the cover which can be torn open if upon deployment of the ~~airbag (12) unfolds in order to retain the vehicle occupants, characterised in that~~ and a hinge material weakness defining a hinge for the opening of the cover upon the deployment, the at least one side edge and hinge material weakness (16, 17) is so slight that it cannot be seen being invisible as viewed from the side of the housing cover (6) facing the ~~passenger compartment vehicle occupant,~~ and ~~that~~ the housing cover (6) is additionally connected with the ~~basic~~ main housing structure (27) by means of a one or more perforation ~~(13).~~

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing~~ A housing according to ~~at least one of the previous claims~~ Claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the one or more perforation (13) is formed on a part of the housing (5) which is not visible to the vehicle occupants when installed.

3. ~~(Currently Amended) Housing according to at least one of the previous claims~~
A housing according to Claim 1, characterised in that wherein the axis of the tear line
of perforation (13) is orientated ~~basically~~ generally parallel to the vertical ~~vehicle~~ axis
of the vehicle ~~(25)~~.
4. ~~(Currently Amended) Housing according to at least one of the previous~~
~~claims, characterised in that~~ A housing according to Claim 1, wherein the one or
more perforation (13) is formed on a vehicle body side housing section ~~(26)~~ of the
housing.
5. ~~(Currently Amended) Housing according to at least one of the previous~~
~~claims, characterised in that~~ A housing according to Claim 1, wherein the one or
more perforation (13) is formed in a material free area of the housing ~~(5)~~ by means
of between bridges ~~(19)~~, which create a connection between the a vehicle body side
housing section ~~(26)~~ and the housing cover (6) of the housing and wherein the
connection fails upon deployment of the airbag causing the cover to tear away from
the main housing as the cover tears at the side edge material weaknesses and
hinges about the hinge material weakness.
6. ~~(Currently Amended) Housing according to at least one of the previous~~
~~claims, characterised~~ A housing according to Claim 1, further comprising in that the
one or more perforation (13) is overlapped by a section ~~(23)~~ of the one or more
housing cover ~~(6)~~.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing according to at least one of the previous claims, characterised~~ A housing according to Claim 1, further comprising in that the one or more perforation (13) and the at least one material weakness (16, 17) are arranged basically generally vertically to one another.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing according to at least one of the previous claims, characterised~~ A housing according to Claim 1, further comprising in that a further the hinge material weakness (14) is formed on the an inner side of housing cover-(6), which is close to and parallel as regards axis to an axis of rotation (15) in of the housing cover-(6) upon deployment of the airbag.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing~~ A housing according to Claim 8, characterised further comprising in that the hinge material weakness (14) in the area of the a flap axis (15) is formed in such a way that the housing cover (6) does not tear open there.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing according to at least one of the previous claims, characterised~~ A housing according to Claim 1, further comprising in that housing (5) consists is composed of a plastic material.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Housing according to at least one of the previous claims, characterised~~ A housing according to Claim 1, further comprising in that the housing (5) is formed as the housing of a side airbag device-(4).